

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 are in the case.

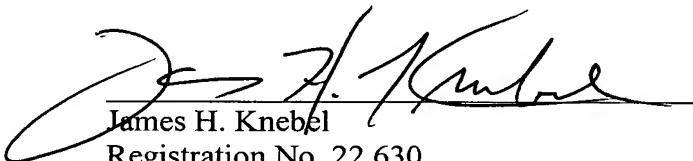
The claims have been amended to remove multiple claim dependencies, to improve readability and to place the application in a better format for examination. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Minor typographical errors in the specification have also been corrected.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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